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THE TIMES Tomorrow

Canvassing change A Conservative MP makes a case for the anti-politician. Changing canvas On holiday, House Man turns into Tent Man and becomes a new man. Looking forward



Spectrum observes Sir Bernard Lovell at 70, the man who created Jodrell Bank. Slipping back In its attempt to sell off the state's oil interests, the Government is slipping behind in its entire privatization programme.

40,000 US targets in Russia

The United States has identified 40,000 possible targets for nuclear attacks in the Soviet Union, compared with 2,600 in 1960 and 25,000 in 1974, according to a study by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Soft approach to union reform

Union leaders have drawn up a composite motion for next month's TUC conference recommending reasoned discussions to persuade the Government to drop its planned labour law reforms.

Nott admission

Falklands-type operation would not be possible in the 1990s, Sir John Nott, former Secretary of State for Defence, has acknowledged.

Falkland victim

Major Geoff Ward, aged 36, had a leg amputated below the knee after stepping on a mine left by Argentine troops in the Falklands.

Scientists meet

Reports on the Brighton conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science appear on page 4.

Shares slump

Shares fell heavily yesterday, with the FT index down by 16.4 to 724, wiping out all the gains achieved in the previous 10 days.

UDR man shot

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead by two gunmen on a motor cycle as he left work in Strabane.

Manila witness

A Japanese freelance journalist has said he saw Philippines military guards shoot Benigno Aquino in the head.

Middlesex slip

Middlesex failed to hold on to their lead in the county championship when they were bowled out by Somerset on a sticky wicket at Lord's.

Cram's triumph

Steve Cram, Britain's 1500 metres world champion, won an 800 metres race in Imbu 43.61sec in Oslo last night. The time was the fastest in the world this year.

Treasury seeking more cuts to stop big tax rises

The Cabinet has been warned by the Treasury that unless it cuts its spending, particularly on defence, there will have to be large increases in personal taxation near the end of the decade. The warning is contained in a Treasury paper, prepared under conditions of extreme confidentiality, on the financing of public spending in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It is the first post-election assessment of the options open to the Government during its term of office and is expected to be discussed by the Cabinet when ministers return to Whitehall next month. The exercise has involved a thorough updating of earlier work which provided the basis for last year's controversial 'think-tank' study on ways of cutting spending. It ranges much wider than the study of ways to finance the welfare state which the Prime Minister has already disclosed. There is likely to be particular emphasis on the growing size of the defence budget if Britain tries to maintain its commitment to increase defence spending by 3 per cent a year beyond 1985-86, when present policy pledges run out. Cutting the defence budget, which has increased by 20 per cent since 1979, is thought to be essential if other spending departments are to be kept in check over the next decade. One small victory, already gained in Treasury discussions with the Ministry of Defence, is that the Treasury's Cabinet paper makes no allowance for higher levels of inflation in defence costs than the general increase in prices over the next decade. In the past the Defence Ministry has been able to claim that because its costs grew faster than other spending departments it should get more money. Fears about leaks are so intense that the spending departments have not been allowed to play a full part in the latest exercise, which has been carried out within the Treasury. The relevant ministries have been restricted to a limited role providing basic information about their plans. But a determination not to repeat the fiasco of last year's 'think tank' report, which generated such controversy when sprung on Cabinet that it had to be withdrawn, means that a limited exercise in guided public debate is likely. One idea being discussed is that industrial bodies such as the National Institute for Economic Research, the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Policy Studies Institute should take part in discussions on the long-term outlook for public spending. However, present plans do not involve giving them access to detailed estimates of how spending will grow over the years ahead. At the heart of the Government's problem is the fear that public spending as a share of the country's output could surge at the end of the decade. Two forces are expected to come together to produce this. One is the inexorable pressure of demand for better services and more spending on defence. The other is the continuing prospect of slow economic growth, caused more by pessimism about the world's performance than a feeling that Britain will lose ground compared to other countries. Taken together, these factors are thought to risk pushing up public spending as a share of output from about 44 per cent today to a significantly higher level by the early 1990s. It was only 41 per cent of output when the Conservatives took office in 1979. The Treasury paper was circulated just before most ministers went on holiday, and has not yet been discussed formally in Cabinet. It provides a warning of severe battles to come in the longer term over the whole course of public spending and gives extra edge to the immediate problems facing ministers already trying to pare £6,000 million for spending plans for next year to bring them within target. The ripples from these efforts have already been seen in the form of disclosures about plans being considered to cut some of the benefits which are paid to the unemployed.

Labour's hard left to form new group

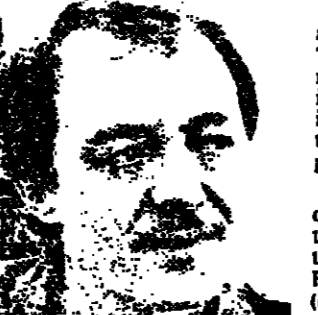
Labour's hard left is attempting to set up a national 'joint command' of revolutionary and Trotskyist groupings, both of which are outside the party, for a coordinated campaign 'to defeat the right'. The organization behind the move is Labour Briefing, a loose alliance of hard-leftists, which has in the past received the support of Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, and a number of hard-left Labour MPs. Briefing groups, which publish highly-localized monthly bulletins in various parts of the country, including London and Merseyside, decided last month to 'go national' with publication of a national supplement. But a resolution passed overwhelmingly by representatives of the different local groups also stated: 'Following the defeat of Labour at the general election, it is now essential that radical sections of the labour movement, both inside and outside the Labour Party, become organized in a coordinated campaign to defeat the right.' It was decided that 12 national 'Coordinators or officers' should be elected to organize a 'national Briefing editorial committee', which would invite 'all national organizations of the left to appoint one voting delegate to its meetings.' The national committee would also arrange a national conference, to be held next year, 'to assess the progress made by the different sections of the radical left in overcoming this divisions and organizing together within the Briefing structure.' The current edition of London Labour Briefing comments: 'There is now an unprecedented recognition on the 'hard left' that while ideological pluralism and debate are essential, we can simply no longer afford to allow our differences to obstruct the maximum possible unity on all those issues on which we are agreed. 'In the months that lie ahead, we must build a kind of 'joint command' for all those revolutionary and anti-capitalist tendencies and organizations in Britain which are serious in their determination to win the power to transform society.' One experienced hard-left organizer commented last night that Briefing was evidently trying to recreate the Rank and File Mobilizing Committee (RFMC) set up in May, 1980, which so successfully organized the Labour constitutional campaign.

British Gas urged to raise prices

British Gas, which made profits of £1034m last year, was told yesterday that, having doubled its tariffs since 1979, it is still undercharging its customers by more than £500m a year. According to a report on the corporation's efficiency by the accountants Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, the state-owned corporation should have taken an extra £420m in revenue from its domestic customers last year, along with an extra £110m from industry and commerce. This means that the country's 15.3 million gas consumers - whose average annual bill is £217 - are paying £27 a year less than they should be. The reason is that while the corporation is easily covering the actual costs of supplying and distributing gas - hence its record profits - it is not adequately covering its so-called 'marginal costs' - the price it is having to pay for the gas. The report says that the corporation is easily covering the actual costs of supplying and distributing gas - hence its record profits - it is not adequately covering its so-called 'marginal costs' - the price it is having to pay for the gas. The report says that the corporation is easily covering the actual costs of supplying and distributing gas - hence its record profits - it is not adequately covering its so-called 'marginal costs' - the price it is having to pay for the gas.

The minstrel with a Palace all his own

Andrew Lloyd Webber, millionaire composer of the hit musicals Cats, Evita and Jesus Christ Superstar, yesterday achieved his life's ambition of owning a West End theatre, when he announced the acquisition from Sir Emile Littler of the Palace Theatre in London. Mr Lloyd Webber, pictured outside the Palace yesterday, paid £1.3m for it. Last year he made unsuccessful bids for the Aldwych Theatre and later the Old Vic, which was bought by Mr Ed Mirvish, a Canadian businessman, who outbid him by £50,000. The 1400-seat Palace, designed in 1891 for D'Oyly Carte as a home for English grand opera, has been the home of the Lloyd Webber musical Song and Dance, since April last year. Jesus Christ Superstar was in occupation for eight years and two weeks, depositing the Sound of Music as the longest running musical in British theatre history. Sir Emile Littler, who was present at the Palace for yesterday's press conference, handed over control and management of the building after running it with great success for the last 37 years. He now shows like Song of Norway and Lilac Time, Flower Drum Song and Finian's Rainbow.



Mr Livingstone: Has supported Labour Briefing.

Thousands cheer death sentences

Peking (AFP, AP) - Thirty criminals were sentenced to death at a mass rally attended by thousands of cheering spectators yesterday and later executed. The executions were part of a law-and-order campaign launched about 10 days ago. It was the largest group to be executed in Peking for several years. A notice posted at the Peking intermediate court, which imposed the death sentences, said that the 30 executed criminals included 19 accused of murder, 10 rapists and one car thief. One woman was among those executed. None was older than 35. The sentences were announced yesterday during a meeting of some 10,000 people at the Peking workers' gymnasium. Several who attended said that the condemned were afterwards taken to an execution ground near the capital. People condemned to death in China usually are executed with a single pistol shot to the back of the head, although occasionally firing squads are used.

Fears in West Germany Why 1984 is on the cards

A car approaches the passport control booth on the frontier. The passenger hands over a plastic identity card, which is fed into a computer terminal connected to a central police data bank. Within seconds, the frontier post closes, a siren starts wailing and a steel cage slams down over the car. With only five months to go until 1984, this Orwellian nightmare, outlined half in jest to Der Spiegel four years ago by the then Minister of the Interior, is fast becoming a reality. For West Germany is about to issue new computer-readable identity cards which police claim will drastically cut crime, but which a growing number of alarmed citizens see as the first step towards Big Brother's computerized police state. Shaped like cheque cards and bearing the holder's photograph, date and place of birth, nationality, signature and a computer serial code, the little cards look harmless enough. And indeed Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the present right-wing Minister of the Interior, who enthusiastically supports their introduction, insists in a ministry pamphlet that they are simply a modern, forgery-proof version of the grey identity booklets that all Germans already carry. But many people, worried by the growing amount of personal information stored by computers - see dangerous implications - a tide of protest, fuelled by Der Spiegel, the Greens and other left-wing groups, has begun to roll across the country. They call the cards more dangerous than the proposed census, defeated earlier this year by data privacy champions who won an injunction from the constitutional court, and they say the technology of mass control that would accompany their introduction would make West Germany the first society in the world under total computer surveillance. Critics say the installations of thousands of fixed and mobile terminals connected to a police and intelligence services data bank would greatly increase the temptation of the police both to store more information on more people and to ask people to produce their cards more frequently. The police hope the use of the instant print-outs to catch the



Libyans in drive south, says Chad

Ndjamena (Reuters) - The Chad Government claimed yesterday that Libyan armoured columns were moving south in two directions from the northern rebel base of Faya-Largeau. Mr Mahamat Soumaila, the Information Minister, said some 100 Soviet-built M62 and M72 tanks had been transported to a new base 50 miles south of Faya-Largeau. A number of Libyan armoured regiments had been spotted between Faya-Largeau some 560 miles north of Ndjamena, and the northeastern town of Fada. Mr Soumaila did not give a source for the information. He said the Soviet-built tanks had been moved to a new advance base and were poised for an attack on Salal. This is the most forward Government position at the western end of a defence line set up after August 10 when Libyan-backed rebels took Faya-Largeau. Some of the estimated 1,200 French troops in Chad are based in Salal. They are officially described as instructors but are allowed to defend themselves if attacked. French in dark, page 5

Pakistan mobs spread chaos to more towns

From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi A mob of demonstrators at Qambar, near Larkana, the home town of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, last night swarmed through the streets of the town, burning and looting government offices, attacking a local jail house and freeing 47 prisoners. Estimated by local journalists as over 10,000 strong, the mob burnt a number of banks, an officers' mess, a press club, and a telephone exchange. Elsewhere in Sind several thousand demonstrators took to the streets again and the death toll in the nine-day campaign of civil disobedience rose still higher. President Zia Ul-Haq braved the Sind disturbances to make his first visit to Karachi since he announced his new constitutional procedures on August 12. Police opened fire on a rampaging mob in Kandikot near Jacobabad, about 330 miles north of here, close to the Baluchistan border. One person died according to official sources. According to the opposition, 60 to 70 people were injured in the firing. The protesters, calling for an end to the martial law regime of General Zia, set fire to the railway station, the city court building, the local land revenue office, and the fire brigade headquarters itself. Four local banks were ransacked and three of them set ablaze. The official death toll throughout the country rose to 18, but it is failing to keep up with all the deaths which are officially admitted. Sind government spokesman have said that seven people died in Monday's outbreaks in Khairpur and Ranipur, but the officials total includes only three from those incidents. According to Mr Hassan Feroz, the convener of the MRD (the eighty party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy) in Karachi, more than 60 people have died since the demonstrations first began last Sunday, the thirtieth anniversary of Pakistan's independence. He also said that between 14,000 and 15,000 people have been detained during the campaign which went ahead despite President Zia's promise to hold elections before March 23, 1985. The Government say that only just over 700 arrests have been made. But despite the wish of the organizers to broaden the



Dublin oil investors run into problems

Amateur investors on the Dublin Stock Exchange who have indulged in too much speculation in oil could be heading for trouble. In the past month small investors have rushed into deals on the stock market in shares in the three companies, that have holdings in oil exploration rights in the Celtic Sea. Speculation started in the wake of reports that oil had been found in commercial quantities by a consortium led by Gulf Oil of the United States and in which Atlantic Resources, an Irish company, has a third stake. Shares in Atlantic Resources rose from a low of 30p in March to 610p on the London Stock Exchange three weeks ago - prices in Dublin are quoted at higher rates because of the Irish pound's weakness against sterling - before settling for a few days at around 50p. However, in the past two days shares have fallen to 350p, wiping about £10m from the paper value of the company. Exactly who has been buying and selling shares on the Dublin and London stock markets in Atlantic Resources - and to a lesser extent Aram Energy and Bula Resources, the other two Irish oil exploration companies that have seen short term price rises - remains a matter of city confidentiality. But there is clear evidence that small investors in the Irish Republic and those whom the stock exchanges describe as 'punters' have been buying shares. Gulf is carrying out revaluation tests to confirm if previously reported flow rates of 6,000 barrels of oil a day from one well and combined rates of 10,000 barrels a day from the field are feasible. The head of Atlantic Resources is Dr Tony O'Reilly, who is chairman of the American-based Ireland Fund. He holds 1.85 million of the 14 million Atlantic Resources shares. The other big shareholder in Atlantic Resources with 1.1 million shares is Mr Suliman Olaya, a Saudi Arabian businessman.

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# Telephone caller says he knows one of the men who assaulted boy

The focus of the hunt for three men who abducted a six-year-old boy near his home in Brighton and sexually assaulted him yesterday to an anonymous telephone caller who claimed to know one of the attackers. Det. Chief Insp Geoffrey Randle, who is leading the hunt, said that the anonymous caller sounded terrified when he made two calls on Sunday evening shortly after 10pm.

"He said that he knew one of the persons who had attacked the boy and that he knew where the man lived. It was a long distance telephone call from the north of England."

The caller did agree at one time that he would meet an officer but still refused to give his name or whereabouts. He said that if it was found out that he had told the police that he knew the identity of the man he would be in for it.

"We tried to persuade him to make an appointment or agree to go to a police station or give us some details whereby we could meet and talk with him but he merely repeated that he was terrified and eventually broke down in tears and rang off", Inspector Randle said.

"The same man rang back at 10.15 the same night. On this occasion he said that he himself was gay and that his friend, the one who was responsible for the attack, is perverted. He also

said that this man had told him that 'he has done it'."

"He repeated that he was terrified, and did not want us to come to his house and despite our efforts for him to identify himself, the man broke off the conversation."

"We appeal to this man to contact us again either by telephone or by post. If he does not feel that he can approach the police directly, maybe there is someone he can trust, a priest or a friend, who will help him to come to us so that we can evaluate what he has to say".

Mr Randle said, "Each of the police are treating seriously, lasted two minutes and were not traceable, although it is known that they were made from a private telephone."

"We are always very conscious that some people with a weird sense of humour might play games with us now that he has made this police, but he said a couple of things which would help us identify the caller", Mr Randle said. The man had a northern accent.

A left-hand-drive car with German number plates that boarded the Sealink Newhaven to Dieppe ferry and was believed might have been the one seen in the area of the boy's abduction on the night of the attack has been virtually eliminated from inquiries.

A woman saw a brown car with black numbers on white plates, in the style of German cars, near where the boy was kidnapped. The only German car on the next available ferry after the attack 10 days ago was a green BMW which has been traced to an elderly couple living in Munich.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, has threatened a backbench revolt against the Government unless the Paedophile Information Exchange, which advocates sex between adults and children is banned.

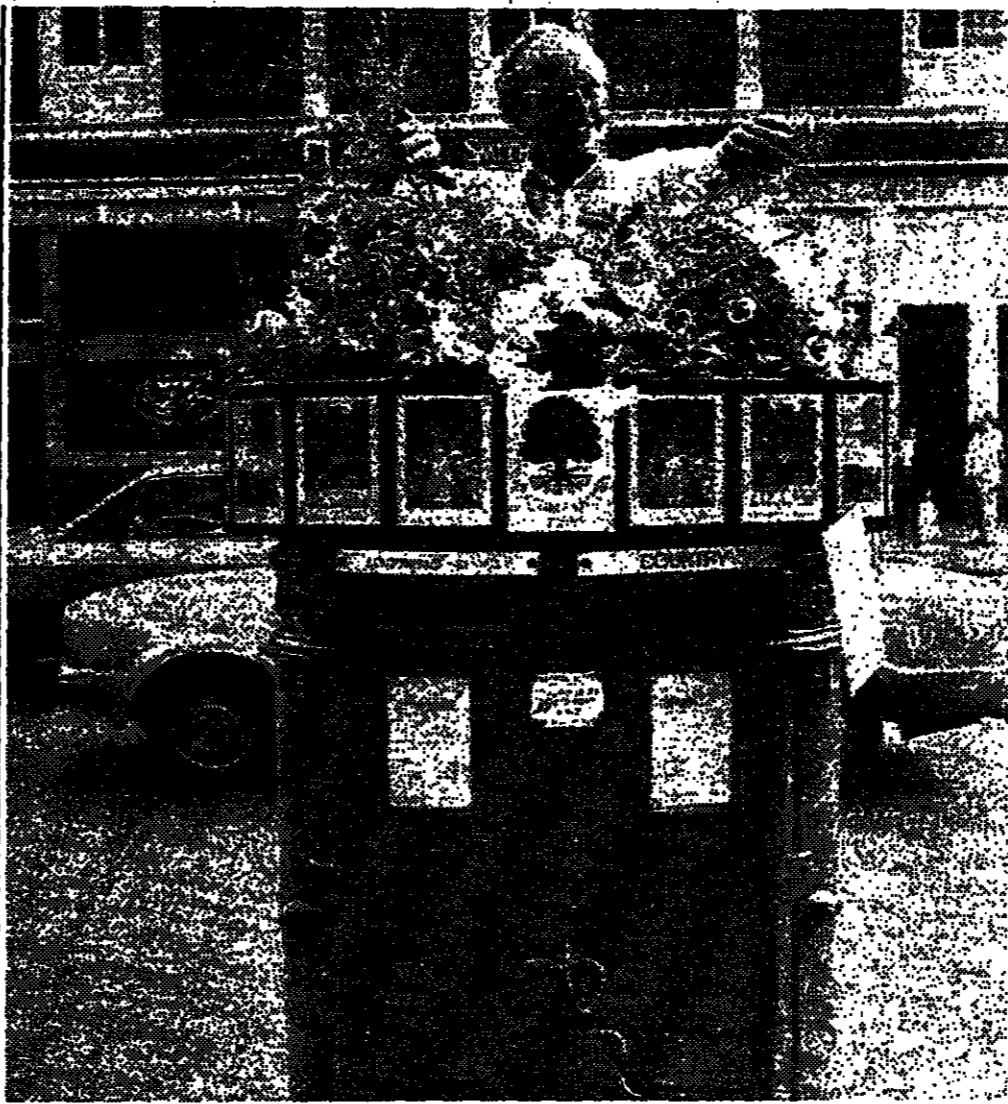
"He said that he would not 'lobbed off with replies that the present law is adequate to protect children'."

"Public opinion now demands action. I have now thrown the gauntlet down to the Government, and there will be a massive row if they do not act", Mr Dickens said.

The Paedophile Information Exchange yesterday condemned the attack on the boy.

Mr Steven Adrian, a former vice-chairman of PIE and a committee member, said: "Mr Dickens just sees PIE as a very populist platform".

He said "PIE unreservedly condemns such incidents whenever they occur. People with such callous motivation would have not point in joining PIE. We would have nothing to offer such individuals".



Bizarre blooms: Graeme Garden, of the television comedy series, "The Goodies," living up to his name yesterday by planting flowers on a pillar box in Farrington Street, central London. The unusual plot came from the Beautiful Britain Campaign and marked the issue of four stamps featuring beautiful British gardens (Photographer: John Voos).

# Bailiff changes 'will make credit dearer'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Consumer credit could become more expensive and harder to obtain as a result of a planned 30 per cent reduction in the 1,100 county court bailiffs and a cut-back in their duties, a traders' representative said yesterday.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, told *The Times* that had-debt losses to the retail trade could be increased by more than £3m by the changes.

Dr B W Bailey, director of the United Association for the Protection of Trade, said that protests have been made to the Lord Chancellor, who oversees the Courts, by trade bodies.

The Lord Chancellor's Department plans to cut bailiffs' work by increasing the minimum level for a part warrant of execution from £15 to £50. The warrant is issued by the court at the request of the creditor for part of the outstanding debt.

Broadly speaking, it applies where a court has made an order for repayment by instalments. The amount for which the warrant is issued cannot be less than one of the instalments and at present cannot be less than £15. The new minimum of £50 will reduce numbers of warrants issued.

Economies will also be made in serving of summonses. The plaintiff now has a choice of how a summons can be served to notify the debtor of a claim. The Lord Chancellor's Office plans to remove the choice of having it served by a court bailiff.

Mr Patrick said that the changes could lead to a significant shift in the tactics used by retailers to collect debts. He predicted greater use of attachments on earnings orders. Consumer credit would become much tighter and the customer could end up by paying more.

The CCTA represents companies like Debenhams, the Co-op Bank, Currys, Fumebelows, Woolworth and Selfridges.

New credit extended by retailers in 1982 was £3,370m. Finance houses extended a further £5,938m fixed sum credit.

The Burton Group, the clothing retailer, estimates that it could lose between £300,000 and £400,000 because of the changes. Mr Victor Ware, the credit manager, said that he was also concerned that county courts would not record judgments below £50. "This meant that people prevented from getting credit because of their bad payments may well be able to. That will cause bad debts".

Retailers will be most affected by the changes because the sums involved are smaller.

Increasing numbers of people are getting into debt, according to *Clapham Omnibus*, the magazine published by the National Consumer Council. Redundancies have created a new class of debtor, the white-collar worker or skilled worker.

# New computer 'links home and school'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A new British-made home computer designed to be plugged into the television set was launched yesterday by Acorn, the makers of the BBC Microcomputer. It is half the price of the corporation's model.

The Electron will be on sale for just under £200 from next month in Acorn dealers in 100 W. H. Smith shops. It is not as sophisticated as the BBC Microcomputer which was launched last year and has sold more than 150,000, but it does have a number of its good features.

The BBC Microcomputer has been used extensively in schools and its sales have been stimulated by the television programmes made on computers by the corporation. The new Acorn product, however, has been designed to be used by everyone in the home.

Acorn management says: "The majority of children using computers at school are learning on a BBC Micro. Having a BBC-compatible Electron at home will ensure that their skills are never wasted, since whatever is learned at home can be immediately applied at school. The home will soon

become as much a place for learning as the school."

According to a recent survey, girls are 13 times less likely than boys to use microcomputers and only 4 per cent of mothers use them. Acorn is also addressing itself to that market.

"Unless girls are encouraged to make more use of micros at home, they will undoubtedly fall behind in the application of computers at school", the company says.

The most read book in the world, the Bible, can now be analysed using a microcomputer.

Serious students of the Bible have had a special set of programs written for them by Bible Research Systems of Austin, Texas and marketed in Britain at about £150 by Pete and Pam Computers, of Rosendale, Lancashire.

The package can be run on Apple, IBM and Osborne personal computers, among others. The 4.5 million characters of the King James Bible are contained in four, six or eight discs, depending on the machine. The programs allow the user to extract the relevant texts on a particular subject by using keywords.

# Straw-burning ban urged to cut waste

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The annual burning of straw worth about £500m is the biggest waste scandal in farming, the Friends of the Earth organization says in a report published yesterday.

The straw has the thermal capacity of 2,700,000 tonnes of coal and could provide all the heating fuel needed in agriculture, the group says. Burning it in the fields destroys the insects and rodents on which birds depend.

The report calls for a total ban on straw burning and suggest instead a straw haulage subsidy, from funds at present supporting cereal production, to encourage transport from areas in surplus to those with demand.

Strawburning: You'd think Farmers and Friends of the Earth, 177 City Road, London EC1, £1.95.

# Kidney illness confirmed in girl aged 7

From Arthur Osama, Birmingham

A girl aged seven from West Bromwich was confirmed yesterday as having haemolytic uraemic syndrome, a condition affecting the kidneys and blood, which has caused three deaths in the past six weeks.

The girl, who was not identified, is in Sandwell District General Hospital, and an official of the regional health authority said her condition was not causing anxiety. She was admitted to hospital on Saturday.

She is the nineteenth child to be affected in the general area of the Black Country and the thirtieth case of the infection reported in England this summer. The condition of three of the five children still in hospital is improving, but there is concern for two, particularly for a boy aged two who is in a coma.

# Irish town prepares for Reagan's return to roots

The people of Ballyporeen, President Reagan's ancestral home in Co. Tipperary, are preparing a big Irish welcome for their most famous son.

They are convinced he will visit them this year. They believe he will arrive around October 4, 5 or 6. They have even laid a special taracac square in the town park which can easily be converted into a helicopter pad.

An unexpected letter from President Reagan last week was the latest in a series of strange recent developments which have strengthened their belief that a presidential visit is due.

Although he made no mention of a visit Mr Reagan wrote that he was pleased Ballyporeen claimed him as its own. He was doubly pleased to have "ties of blood" with Ireland.

The letter, to Mr John O'Farrell, who resumed his public house "The Ronald Reagan" after the President's inauguration, was delivered by Judge James R. Lawson, of Boston, who was visiting the town with the Massachusetts

Representative, Mr Michael Condon.

The letter was delivered two weeks after four American Secret Service men visited the town, which has a population of 300.

Four weeks earlier Margaret Hickler, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, called in on her way home from a conference in Geneva.

NBC, the US television network, is said to have booked studio time in Dublin for a week in October in the belief that there will be a presidential visit.

One Ballyporeen politician, County Councillor Con Donovan, said: "We will give President Reagan the kind of welcome home which a man of his standing deserves."

The Foreign Affairs Department in Dublin said: "President Reagan has accepted a formal invitation to visit Ireland but when he is coming we do not know."

The US embassy in Dublin said: "We have no reference to a visit. If anything has been planned we would expect to know."

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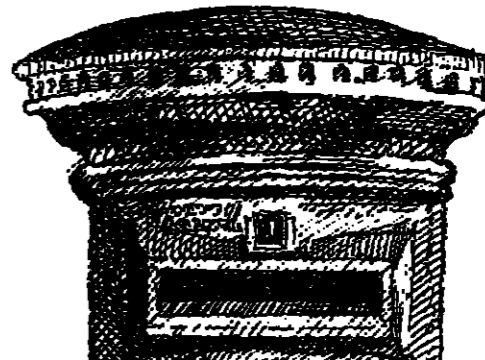
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US has 40,000 targets for nuclear attack inside Soviet Union

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent. The United States has identified 40,000 targets in the Soviet Union for possible attack in the event of full-scale nuclear war.

Moscow keeps up attack on Japan

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet Union stepped up its criticism of Japan with the third press attack in two days on what it called Tokyo's "militarization and anti-Sovietism."

Four Transvaal police charged

Pretoria (AFP) - Four policemen from Dirkesdorp, eastern Transvaal, will be charged with murder and attempted murder, after the death in custody of Thamba Manana, a suspected cattle thief, on April 5.

Nazi's suicide

Bonn (AFP) - A former Nazi SS captain, Richard-Wilhelm Freise, aged 74, accused of sending 1,366 French Jews to death camps during the Second World War, committed suicide to escape his trial due in October.

Space delivery

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet space module bringing a 770lb cargo of photographs and equipment from the manned orbiting research station Salyut-7 touched down in Central Asia.

Trial held up

Dublin - The court martial of Private Michael McAleavy of the Irish Army, accused of murdering three of his UN peacekeeping force colleagues in Lebanon last October, which was due to sit in Beirut today has been postponed because of the shelling there and because of "an administrative hitch".

Captive eunuchs

Geneva (AFP) - Up to half a million men in India and Pakistan have been made eunuchs against their will, according to a report presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights here. It added that some 60,000 lower caste women have been forced into prostitution.

Arms dumped

Aschaffenburg (AP) - A highly explosive stockpile of second World War munitions, discovered buried three feet under the busy railway line to Frankfurt was removed secretly by experts without closing the track. It included six tons of live artillery shells and more than a ton of TNT.

Border foray

Berlin (Reuters) - East Germany has protested to West Germany over a border incident on Sunday in which unidentified people crossed from Bavaria into East Germany near the town of Oelsnitz and destroyed frontier installations, the news agency ADN said.

Base blockade

Schwäbisch Gmünd (AFP) - Former US State Department counsellor Mr Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon papers, is to join other public figures next month blockading the American air base here in West Germany destined to deploy Pershing 2 missiles.



Grass-roots aid: US marines in full camouflage ready to train new Lebanese Army recruits in Beirut

Israel opens dialogue with Arab moderates

From Christopher Walker, Bethlehem. Israel in despair at the rift in the Palestine Liberation Organization. The switch in policy was endorsed publicly yesterday when Mr Arens arrived with a heavily armed escort for talks in Bethlehem with the mayor and his 10 elected councillors.

Ex-secret agent held in Pretoria

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg. A former South African secret agent who was security adviser to the Government of the Ciskei bantustan was released from a mental hospital on the orders of a judge.

New York's hungry children

Medical teams started examining 7,000 children in New York yesterday after investigators found malnutrition and disease among families living in hotels at the city's expense.

Honduras asks Reagan for permanent base

Tegucigalpa (Reuters) - Honduras is pressing for a permanent US naval base during the Second World War, now the site of a counter-insurgency training centre for Salvadoran soldiers.

Satellite smasher to be tested

From Our Own Correspondent New York. The Americans are about to test a satellite smashing missile fired from a jet fighter.

Minister quits

Ottawa (Reuters) - Canadian Mines Minister, Mr Roger Simmon, resigned after only 10 days in office citing 'personal reasons'.

French public still in dark about Chad

From Diana Geddes, Paris. President Mitterrand is to break his long silence on French policy towards Chad with an article due to appear tomorrow in the usually pro-government newspaper, Le Monde.

Chemical arms dump on show

Geneva (Reuters) - The United States yesterday invited the Soviet Union and other nations to inspect a chemical weapons destruction site at a US army base in Utah.

Shagari's men lead Senate poll

Lagos (AFP) - With 77 of 85 declared results from last Saturday's federal Senate elections, the ruling National Party of Nigeria of President Shagari has won more seats than any other single party but looks likely to miss an overall majority.

S Africa reform debate axed

Face to face: Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, with Dr Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, in Cape Town yesterday. They discussed speeding the process towards independence for Namibia.

Spain's Catholic schools feel the pinch

Spain's Socialist Minister of Education has begun to exert greater control, through the purse strings, over the many private schools run by the Roman Catholic Church.

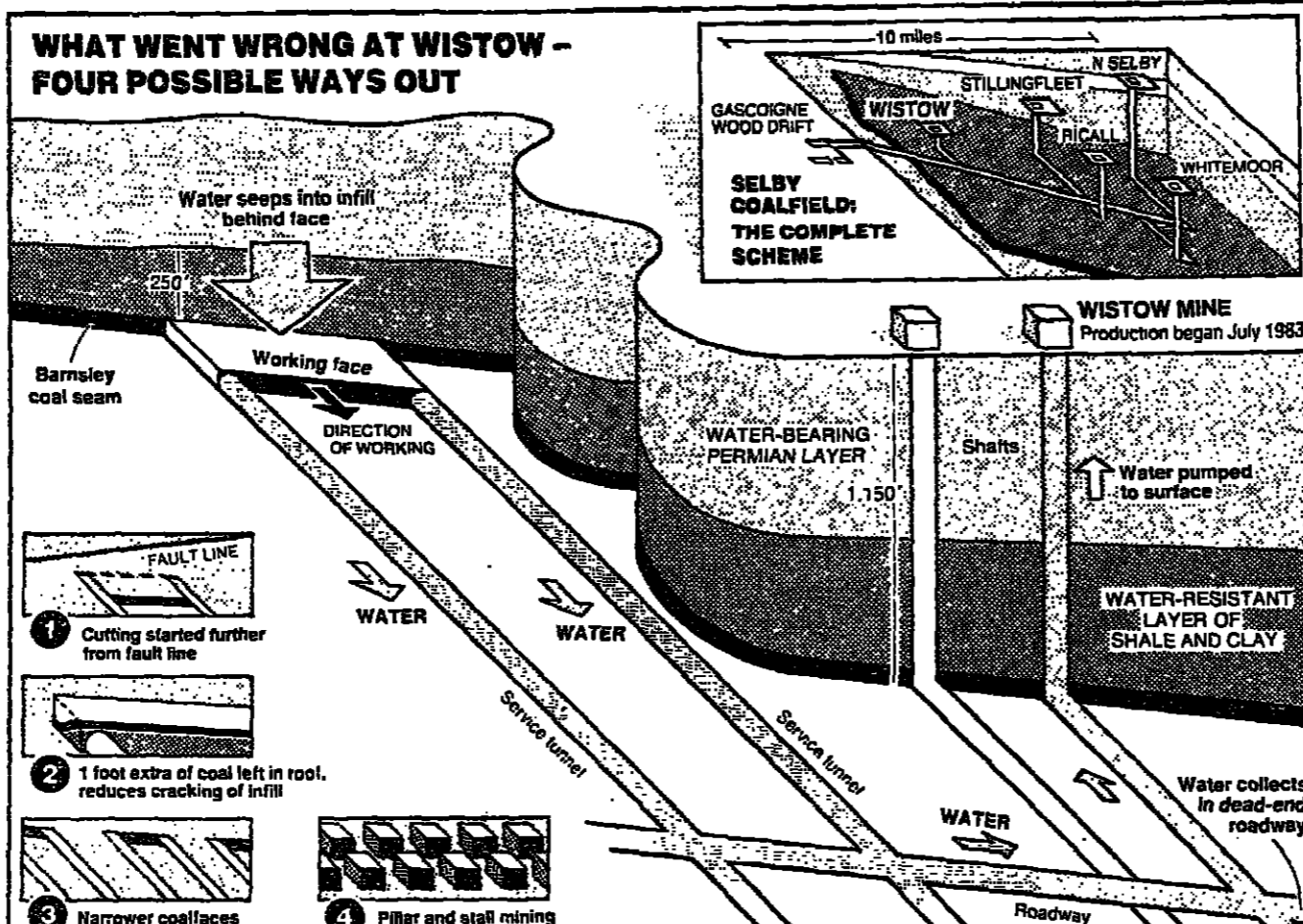
SPECTRUM

The new and prodigious Wistow Mine was producing coal at four times the national average speed when 18 million gallons of water suddenly flooded the NCB showpiece. The board, hoping to restart operations in a month's time, said the calamity was unforeseeable. Some experts disagree, writes Alan White

Pitting their wits against water



There is no such thing as a routine Saturday morning in a coalmine only three weeks old; engineers and production workers are still feeling their way, testing new machinery, working out new procedures. But July 23 was as routine as might be expected.



The ground surrounding it was frozen, the hole excavated and then lined with a special costly grouting cement to keep it watertight after the surrounding rocks have been allowed to thaw out. At one point, the surrounding rocks, balked at the cavalier treatment meted out to them by the NCB's engineers, began breaking up around the shaft, causing the entire cement lined tunnel to break away and start rising upwards.

Whether the incident could have been forecast is also causing some debate. The NCB say it could not, some outside sources say the science of subsidence and geological dynamics is such that it should have been possible to predict the inrush. Says one prominent geologist working in North Yorkshire: "I cannot see why they could not foresee this. They are the leaders in this field, and from the outside, it does not seem to be an exceptional geological circumstance."



Far left: The Selby pithead and, above, the revolutionary coalface cutter

Moreover... Miles Kington

Double trouble and yellow lines

We have already read trials of men who removed yellow clamps without asking the police's permission, but today we have something worse: a man who is accused of removing a double yellow line. Moreover is proud to print exclusive extracts from the trial.

Police witness... was pointed on the road in 1980 by William Carstairs, a road-painter, it was the property of the Metropolitan Police. On July 14, I observed that a section of it was missing. Counsel: Where was it? Police: I don't know. It was missing. Counsel: Where was it missing from? Police: Sears Roebuck Road, W1, sir. Under the car belonging to the defendant, registration number SHE IK. Judge: A curious number. Defendant: I hire it out to a lot of Arabs, sir. It looks like SHEIK. They love it. Judge: Quiet! You will get your turn in a moment. Counsel: No further questions. Clerk: Call the defendant. Defendant: Here I am, sir. That was a short moment, to be sure. Judge: Quiet!

Advertisement for Sullivan Powell cigars. Text includes 'FINE, MILD CIGARS FROM SULLIVAN POWELL', 'Since 1880, Sullivan Powell have been noted for exclusive quality', and 'New Private Stock offers the very best cigar for the discerning smoker'. Price listed as £5.20 for five cigars. Address: 34 Burlington Arcade, London W1.

There is a real need to protect these animals, as the final article in this series shows Monkey turns professor

Cyril Rosen is a trim little man of indeterminate age who moves and talks briskly, even brusquely, like an impatient cynomolgus macaque. He is United Kingdom secretary of the International Primate Protection League (IPPL); he is, in fact, monkey nuts.



Reaching out for some creature comfort

where the boundary lies. I therefore think it is very dangerous to say we can do to primates what we wouldn't do to humans, because before very long we will do it to humans, if it is at all possible. This has happened in the past and it will happen in the future. There is a move towards developing alternatives. The Fund for Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments (Frame), with its roster of scientific members, is regularly assessing ideas and urging the application or further research into the better ones.

slaves. If monkeys become so scarce and expensive that they are an impractical tool for much routine work - as is becoming the case - then the alternative is to look for cheaper tools. Man is ingenious enough to find those other means. Some small conservation measures have been taken lately to preserve monkeys. To complicate matters, however, there is now a host of programmes posing under the conservation label, yet which may be according to Rosen no more than dressed-up procurement projects: the source countries get half-hearted research and breeding aid, and America, in particular, gets the monkeys. Many of these projects are inspired by US government agencies, while the World Health Organization has also been drawn in to lend its own considerable leverage.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 132)

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words. The grid is a 27x13 grid of squares, with some squares shaded black.

ACROSS: 1 Wood cutter (6), 4 Truthful (6), 7 Complaint (4), 8 Fish tank (8), 9 Mental calmness (8), 12 Pallid (3), 15 Anxious (6), 16 Typewriter roller (6), 17 Girl (3), 19 Paper cutters (8), 24 Suicidal pilot (8), 25 Bucket (4), 26 Tobacco user (6), 27 Servants' uniform (6). DOWN: 1 Weeps heavily (4), 2 Brown flour (9), 3 Lariat (5), 4 Alluring woman (5), 5 Informer (4), 6 Diver's tank (5), 10 Hazards (3), 11 Book of maps (5), 12 H2O charge (3,4), 13 Not genuine (3,1), 14 Stupper (4), 18 Frighten (5), 20 Preside (5), 21 Magic formula (5), 22 Swindle (4), 23 Perform (4).

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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Edinburgh is to be the first patron of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Partridge and Miss E. F. Blackmore. The engagement is announced between Bill, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Partridge...

Marriages

Mr S. R. Crookenden and Miss S. A. G. M. Pragnell. The marriage took place on August 20, 1983, at St Gregory's Church, Stratford-on-Avon...

Birthdays today

Lord Ashby, 79; Mr Paul Barber, 48; Mr Carlo Curley, 31; Sir Michael Franklin, 56...

Tower Bridge and tenement take awards

Tower Bridge, London, and a Glasgow tenement are among five historic buildings to receive the British Tourist Authority's heritage awards...

Commemorative service

The Royal Assent to the Emancipation Bill, given on August 28, 1833, will be commemorated in Westminster Abbey...

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Dr Walter Bodmer, FRSc, to be a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History)...

University news

Oxford Professor Keith William Morton, MA (Oxford), PhD (New York), professor of applied mathematics at Reading University...

Reception

Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, President of the Pakistan Association of World Cities, London, gave a reception yesterday evening at Dartmouth House...

Archaeology

Welsh cave yields another secret

Further early human remains have been found at a cave in Wales, where last year parts of two Neanderthal children were discovered...

Science report

Changing the story of Samson and Delilah

Medical research scientists believe they are close to unravelling the causes of a group of illnesses which have long baffled doctors...

Reprieve for Victorian church

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Conservationists have secured a last-minute reprieve for a notable Victorian church in Bristol which was already in the hands of demolition contractors...

OBITUARY MR WILLIAM TAMBLIN

Versatile aircraft designer

Mr W. A. Tamblin OBE, an aircraft designer who made significant contributions during the volatile wartime and post war eras, died on August 15. He was 80...



Captain Kenneth Snow (right), the new commanding officer of HMS Hermes, was joined aboard the aircraft carrier at Portsmouth yesterday by three of his predecessors...

BBC launches new season on wave of culture and comedy

By Amanda Haigh. Roger Daltry, the rock star, in The Beggar's Opera, Lenny Henry, the black comedian, in The Bachelors, and Penelope Keith, the actress, in a passionate love affair with a man 16 years her junior...

TV-am joins the establishment

By a Staff Reporter. TV-am will mark its astonishing recovery in popularity next month by joining the ITV companies' club...

DR F. H. KROCH

Dr Falk Heinz Kroch, CBE, who died in London August 22, was the founder of Lankro Chemicals Ltd and its chairman from 1937 to 1971...

MR L. C. WILCHER

A correspondent writes: Lewis Wilcher, whose death was widely noted on July 16, succeeded John Tothill as Principal of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum in 1947...

THE ARTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Estrangement transformed

The Soul of a Jew Music Hall

Sartre once defined anti-Semitism as a ready-made persona adopted by people with no identity of their own...

located in the psychological present and the room corresponds to Otto's idea of his own mind as a shattered house with frantic activity going on behind the locked doors.

From his anti-feminist obsession and the view of existence as a perpetual struggle, Otto could be a creation of Strindberg, who in fact arrives in person in the second act.

Irving Wardle

Television Pain made public

At the age of eight, Gaynor Fairbrother fell into a fire; her mother wanted to wipe the ashes from her cheeks and then she realized that they were a part of her daughter's face.

Peter Ackroyd



Pitilessly exact: Doron Tavori with Leora Rivlin

Hilary Finch meets Anthony Rolfe Johnson, who repeats his acclaimed Aschenbach, in Britten's Death in Venice, at the King's Theatre on Friday

The climax of an opera-singer's decade

The first week at Edinburgh ends with Scottish Opera's co-production with Le Grand Théâtre, Geneva, of Britten's last opera, Death in Venice.



Rolfe Johnson: evolving his own persona

sound in my ears. What I do, I do for him. But Rolfe Johnson found Aschenbach evolving into a persona that was to become very much his own.

capable of the sensual. That enters, as it always does, by the back door - and he's totally unprepared for the shock.

back, I feel, relaxes in the warmth of Venice, becomes more expansive, then, when the fall comes, it's a hundred times more devastating.

Zemlinsky bill King's Theatre

Not the least of the things Schoenberg was right about was the stature of his teacher, brother-in-law and friend, Alexander Zemlinsky.

That course has led him now to the heady eminence of having six works performed at this Viennese Edinburgh Festival.

In bringing these productions to Edinburgh, the Hamburg State Opera has proved again that Zemlinsky was a composer with his own style and his own way of doing things.

The opera is a fairytale inflated into a highly-charged emotional drama lasting well over an hour, but the underlying experience is one too close to Zemlinsky to be dismissed as historical.

Deeply conscious of his smallness, and of a physiognomy so idiosyncratically bird-like it can be recognized even in a terrible portrait by Schoenberg that hangs now in Edinburgh's 'Vienna 1900' exhibition, Zemlinsky put his heart into the dwarf who falls in love with his child princess, then dies of grief when he bumps into a mirror and sees his monstrous appearance for the first time.

The dwarf's music is at once ardent and naive, where that for the princess is all pretty-pretty, and totally artificial. The dwarf's problem is how to exist in her world: it was Zemlinsky's problem, too, and it is incapable of solution.

The other opera, A Florentine Tragedy, is greatly less interesting, though again there is an element of autobiography.

Quite sensibly, he adhered to Erwin Ratz's 1963 edition of the score, in which Mahler's revisions are incorporated but the two central movements revert to the sequence that the composer first envisaged.

Both movements can be seen as retrospective views of an earlier, happier life, although the mood of the onlooker is very different in each.

Paul Griffiths

LPO/Tennstedt Albert Hall/Radio 3

Listening to Mahler's Sixth Symphony must be like experiencing one of those moments when death is imminently threatening, and all life's experiences are supposed to flash before you in one dreadful instant.

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Stephen Pettitt

Three Choirs Festival

RPO/Sanders Gloucester Cathedral

The sea is never very far from the ears of a British composer, and Paul Patterson is no exception. For his Gloucester Three Choirs Festival commission he composed not a sea symphony but a Mass of the Sea.

With Tim Rose Price, his collaborator on the 1981 Voices of Sleep, Patterson has devised a clever, eloquent and for the most part convincing integration of sea images.

The musical language is clear, vivid and coherent; the first three notes of the plainsong 'Ave Maria Stella' hold the piece together in often powerful transformations, and its dramatic structure is equally surely paced.

Hilary Finch



A film by Joseph Losey starring Ruggiero Raimondi and Kiri Te Kanawa. 31 August 1983 at 7pm. Admission £2.50. Box office: 01-528 3191.

Theatre in London

Agamemnon/A Phoenix Too Frequent St George's

The New Classical Theatre Company, devoted to Greek and Roman plays and their modern progeny, launches itself in London at the St George's Theatre after several tours of Greece.

New York City Ballet Covent Garden

If you believe that ballet ought to tell stories and that the stage designs are as important as the other elements, stay away from the New York City Ballet.

Dance

Because the music is by Mozart (K287), played with spirit and style by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet Orchestra under Robert Irving, the mood is light, relaxed, elegant, with plenty of feeling to enliven the formal dances for five women soloists, three men and eight other women.

The solos to the Theme and Variations showed how young soloists who were just beginning to make their mark on the company's last visit, four years ago, such as Stephanie Saland, or who were still in the corps de ballet but already noticeable, like Maria Calagari, have grown to match the meticulous skill of Merrill Ashley; and the group dancing in the Minuet demonstrated that there is more talent on the way.

John Percival

Jerome Robbins's Glass Pieces, another London premiere, showed more of the new dancers as its soloists for the first section, 'Rubric', and set the cool, poised Calagari against Bart Cook's authoritative reserve in the second, 'Facades'.

John Percival

All the same, young Melinda Roy and Judith Fugate deserve a special mention for their dancing in the third and fourth movements respectively while nothing less than an awed sigh will serve as tribute to Suzanne Farrell's amazingly personal, capricious and wholly absorbing account with Peter Martins of the Adagio. This is not just interpretation, but creative performance by great artists.

John Percival

The programme ended with Symphony in C, Balanchine's celebration of the glories of classic dance to Bizet's music, this time with Hugo Fiorati conducting in fine style. The company always had good ballerinas to lead its four movements, and men of some skill and personality to partner them, but the strength right the way through the ranks is what impresses now, so that the final Allegro Vivace builds to a tremendously exhilarating climax as wave after wave of dancers enter to swell the dance crescendo.

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The stock market was knocked back sharply yesterday. Traders had been nervously awaiting a downward reaction to the last 10 days of consistent strength and the slightest suggestion that the Government might introduce tax increases next year was enough to trigger widespread profit-taking.

Adding to the nervousness was speculation that London Investment Trust has liquidated the investment portfolio of recently-acquired British Industries and General Investment Trust. The offer went unconditional on Monday and the offer document did specify that the trust would be liquidated in "due course".

These two factors helped to push the FT 30 index down 16.4 by the close to 724, which effectively wiped out the gains of the last 10 days. The market may have exaggerated the effect of the investment trust liquidation, according to the London Investment Trust chairman Mr John Arthur who added that the portfolio was worth only around £12m. He refused to confirm if the liquidation had taken place yesterday saying:

"We do not want to let the jobbers know what we are doing." The jobbers were also caught short by the easier opening of Wall Street when American investors began selling some of the British stock they have been so regularly buying.

The worst affected was Glaxo where the price was severely cut by 65p to 800p in an attempt to curb American sales. Dealers suggested that jobbers had been caught short on their arbitrage positions, expecting American demand to continue taking US holdings over the 20 per cent level, and could not handle the volume of sales that materialized.

ICI, where US investors hold more than 8 per cent of the equity was similarly struck with a loss of 18p at 522p, by the close. That reaction triggered nervousness in other leading blue chips where falls of up to 15p were registered.

Tax fears cancel gains

ACCOUNTANTS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

Construction company Bisc Construction resisted the trend by rising 9p to 453p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures. Despite reporting slightly better-than-expected figures yesterday, Taylor Woodrow still acquire London Brick if it does not go ahead with its own bid for Itstock Johnson.

Video company Electronic Rentals held its 69p peak after some hefty purchases of the shares on Monday. Conglomerate BET - the old British Electric Tractor - has been a big buyer of the Electronic shares. Mr Nicholas Wills, managing director, confirmed. He, however, refused to disclose the quantity saying: "Obviously we have not reached 5 per cent otherwise we would have declared it."

Mr Wills also confirmed the company's intention to sell its 5 per cent stake in the North Sea Minerals oil field. Analysts' suggestions that BET was expecting around £45m were nowhere near the real price, he said. Mr Wills said that BET, despite the massive increase in funding for its own video hire operation, would not be bidding for Electronic Rentals. But he said that BET was on the takeovers both in Britain and the United States, adding that he expected the video hire business to begin contributing substantial profit next year.

A deterrent to any bid for Electronic is the 25.27 per cent stake held by Philips Electronics, the British subsidiary of the Dutch Philips Lamps Holding. On the bid front, Pritchard Services dipped 8p to 138p following the profit figures and rights issue to finance the purchase of troubled cleaning group Spring Group, down 2 1/2p. BFC attracted demand at 110p, up 4p, as a substantial holding in John Woodington is expected to be announced today.

Bellair dipped another 70p to 500p on the lack of any information from Wasskon Establishment. Wasskon lawyers say they are now working on an offer document for Harold Ingram, suspended at 300p, which will be posted shortly. Hopefully Wasskon will disclose information about itself and its intentions in the document.

Wayne Lintott

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Interim: Bagnon Industries, Charterhouse Petroleum, Derek Crouch, International Thomson Organisation, London Brick, Novc Industri, Pearl Assurance, Queens Most Houses, Rotork, Slough Estates, Tilley International.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Arlington Motor Holdings, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (noon) Philip Harris (Holdings), Perris Hall Hotel, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands (noon)

NOTEBOOK

De Beers disappointed the market yesterday by announcing unchanged interim profits of Rand 257m (£138m). Sales on the diamond account rose by almost a half to R159m, but earnings from associated companies were lower and the tax charge was higher.

London Brick is expected to decide today whether to make a new takeover bid for Istock. The company was given clearance by Monopolies and Mergers Commission to renew its bid last week, but it says doubts in the City that it would go ahead by describing Istock as looking "expensive".

We have nothing to fear, says Lonrho director Parkinson orders inquiry into share ownership at House of Fraser

The Government last night launched an investigation into whether House of Fraser shareholders have been making secret agreements between themselves on how to vote with their holdings.

Lonrho is at present locked in a legal battle with the House of Fraser. It has issued a writ demanding to see the proxy papers and voting forms cast on the demerger votes.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director who also acts as one of its two representatives on the House of Fraser board, said last night: "We have nothing to fear from this investigation. It is a pity it has happened because its another confusion for the long-suffering shareholder."

"I do not regard the issue as dead". He was taken to mean that the board would ask for a government inquiry into the share purchases.

Another difference between the two sets of directors centres around a possible new contract for Professor Roland Smith, the Fraser chairman. He will decide tomorrow whether to sign a new agreement giving him a 60 per cent salary increase to £80,000-a-year for two years.

Kuwaitis cut Lonrho holding

Gulf Fisheries (Overseas) one of the investment vehicles of Sheikh Nasser al Sabah of Kuwait, yesterday sold 7 million shares in Lonrho. It is believed that the new block went to one buyer at a price close to yesterday's 189p close.

That sale reduced its percentage stake below the 17 per cent it had held for some years. Yesterday's sale still leaves two Gulf representatives departed. Since then the company has been critical of Lonrho's financial performance.

Mr Thomas Ferguson, Gulf's London representative, commented on the sale. He said: "We thought we would take advantage of Lonrho's buoyant price. It is also part of a general strategy."

Whitehall spending fear hits market

The Stock market fell back sharply yesterday, effectively wiping out all the gains registered over the last 10 days when several peaks were reached.

The dollar opened sharply lower at DM 2.6180 but it recovered ground on profit-taking later in the day and closed at DM 2.6332.

Maxwell to claim 45% acceptances

British Printing & Communications Corporation was light night believed to have won control of 45 per cent of John Waddington's shares at the first closing date of its £18m bid for the Monopoly games company.

Pritchard in agreed Spring Grove bid

Pritchard Services Group Half-year to 3.7.83 Pretax profit £4.8m (24m) Statutory profit 3.32m (23m) Turnover £140.5m (£129.9m) Net interest dividend 1p (0.9p) Share price 138p down 5p. Yield 3.1%

Pritchard had planned rights issue. Its acquisition by Pritchard, a big London based hospital management and office cleaning group, would add about £14m of borrowings to Pritchard's already heavily borrowed balance sheet.

Share losses widen

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks slowly widened their losses in quiet trading yesterday.

7/8, at 42 1/2; Diebold down 3 1/4 to 82 1/2; General Dynamics off 7 1/8 at 49 3/8; American Cyanamid up 1/4 at 54 1/2; and Burlington Northern up 1/8 at 86 3/8.

Murdoch raises stake in Reuters

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has further increased its indirect stake in Reuters, the booming but unquoted financial information service, which stockbrokers believe would be worth £1b on the Stock Exchange.

will separate its stake in Reuters from its operational news service, now formed into a new company in which News Corporation will hold 15 per cent.

Call for parity with Continent BSC wants dock charges cut

The British Steel Corporation is urging the Government and port authorities to reduce UK port charges by 60 per cent to bring them into line with those enjoyed by overseas competitors.

Until now the BSC's pleas for fairer charges for services including navigation lights, pilotage and similar port dues have fallen on deaf ears.

For every 18 old shares of DM 50, shareholders may obtain one new share of DM 50 at a price of DM 135 free of stock exchange turnover tax.

City Editor's Comment

A chance to solve age old problems

An issue as important as pensions, which has far-reaching implications for the economy, for society and for the individual, should not be allowed to fall victim to vested interests.

The Occupational Pensions Board has come up with an authoritative analysis and recommendations on the problems of job-changers (admittedly only one of the difficulties associated with pensions).

The conference will take the form of a seminar with invited speakers, followed by questions from the floor and will be open to the press.

Buried away in the heart of the report is a table showing that BSC's oil assets made a net operating profit last year of £56.9m on total income of £119m.

How will the ordinary member of a pension scheme, the job-changer, the early retiree, the pensioner in retirement and those made compulsorily redundant, be heard above the buying of this articulate pack of homids, all anxious to make sure that they are in at the kill?

Needless to say the figures are only a rough guide to what will appear in the prospectus, assuming that the oil assets are eventually floated.

A copy of this document (certified by the acting Chairman and two members of the Executive Board as having been approved by resolution of the Executive Board) has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration.

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The master of relaxed presentation, with a nervous tie-twitching habit

Brough - the good bloke who communicates racing's joy

No matter how often you go to the races, you can never quite shake off the feeling that you do not really belong there. You are an intruder, a tourist gawping at the sacred rites of a curious ethnic minority, a priestly sect whose distinguishing mark is the brown hat and the binoculars hung like a Christmas tree with countless dozens of entry badges, badges which proclaim the fact that they know you, the mere punter, are guessing.

There is a secret society thing about golf, too. Only people who play are truly involved in the sport, but you only have to play a round of golf in order to become involved. With racing, there is a tiny number of people actually doing it. The rest are always outsiders, to that extent. But to treat them as irrelevant is wrong and, quite apart from anything else, it is insane economically. Racing needs people desperately, and so racing simply must involve people.



The rider: a winner 100 times

The myth of being in the know is all-important and all-pervasive. The fact that only one horse will win the next race and you do not know its name is made yet more frustrating by the touching belief that the brown-hatted ministry and their luminous-shirted acolytes somehow do. A cheer erupts from the near rails when the result of a photograph is announced. Ah yes! They knew. We guessed, and look where it got us. To win is only to experience a moment of glorious belonging for an instant, to the inner ring of the greatest and most beautiful sport of them all.

Scott is rather good at that. He always manages to appear on screen as a decent chap whose delight in racing is easy to understand and therefore to share. He looks like someone who is at the races, not because he is working, but because he likes it, who happens to be telling us about the sport because he is an amiable and chatty fellow. He manages to exude no sense of privilege. He doesn't even wear a hat. His bantering on-air relationship with his colleagues, John Oaksey and John McCrick, confirms the overall impression: that racing's delights are, indeed, shareable.

It is with a rather sneaking feeling of satisfaction that one notices that this master of relaxed presentation has a nervous habit: he is a compulsive tie-straightener. Five seconds before every appearance on the air, he makes a determined effort to strangle himself with the double-Windsor knot, and then once again smiles and squints at the camera to become the good bloke who genuinely does communicate racing's joys.

The presenter: a man of the people

His reputation of being the calm fellow in a crisis was tested in rather more searching circumstances than mere television recently, in an incident he now

BASKETBALL

Lloyd in the eye of the storm

From Robert Pryce Hamilton

England.....88 Canada.....86

Sweaty, but unruffled in the ferment around him, Dan Lloyd sunk four successive free throws in the last 31 seconds of overtime to clinch England's first win over Canada yesterday.

Wimbledon gets brickbats and bouquets

Looking at ways to end abuses and bad practices

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Tennis players are permitted a maximum interval of 30 seconds between the end of a rally and the next service. During changovers, the interval can be 90 seconds. Both concessions are abused, with the tacit connivance of court officials, and both interrupt the continuity of play. The advantages of reducing the 30 seconds to 20 will be among the items discussed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing body of the grand prix circuit, when they meet in New York today.

The intervals between points are often extended because players take physical or emotional breathers by arguing about line decisions or, otherwise, fiddling about practices which, in addition to checking the flow of play, can disrupt an opponent's concentration. It is to be hoped that the MIPTC will also consider some restriction on the tedious ritual of bouncing the ball before serving. As a further aid to maintaining the momentum of a match, why not get rid of the players' chairs, which inevitably encourage loitering?

Regular interruptions in the flow of play were the second most popular subject raised in post-Wimbledon correspondence. The first, as usual, was the assertion that the dominance of service made Wimbledon tennis less interesting than it should be. There was nothing new in the remedies suggested: making the server stand further back, on a new line drawn for that purpose; or restricting him to one service, or insisting that the net must bounce before he plays it again; or moving the service line nearer the net; or raising the height of the net.

The dominance of the service never caused as much fuss anywhere else as it does at Wimbledon, which is played on a minority surface with unique playing characteristics. One reader, among "the millions in this country whose knowledge of tennis is practically confined to watching Wimbledon on television", considers there may be a case for having special rules for grass-court tennis. This reflects a widespread frustration among spectators and commentators (justified) that more attractive tennis is played elsewhere.

The variety of court surfaces and consequent diversity of challenges is part of the game's charm. In some respects, the variety of surfaces is unfortunate. Surfaces vary, but the game must be played to one set of rules all over the world. The rules have to be common to all players in all countries, and it is a pity that we get no uniformity throughout the game." David Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation says.

Let us turn to the spotlight the other way. The third grand tournament of the year, the United States championship, will begin on August 30 on the hard courts of Flushing Meadows, New York. The tournament's worst features are the nerve-racking noise level and the absence of anything that might reasonably be prescribed to soothe the soul - except for the traditional jazz group who position themselves under the shade of a tree and give arriving customers a melodic welcome on the last day. The sprawling lay-out of the courts lacks coherence, the scheduling is some times nonsense, and the mixture of

TENNIS

First win for Miss Hu

New Jersey (Reuters) - Hu Na, the Chinese tennis star who received political asylum in the United States after fleeing her native country in 1961, clinched a surprising victory in the first round of a women's tournament here on Monday.

Well, nobody except the television bosses. If the tournament organizers had the guts to do what was right, rather than what was expedient, the US championships would be a more sensibly scheduled and there would be fewer commercially inspired violations of the 90-second rule at changovers. Money talks but that does not mean we always have to listen.

Financial data table with columns for various categories like 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', 'Insurance Bonds and Funds', and 'Property Shares'. Includes sub-sections for 'Authorized Unit Trusts' and 'Insurance Bonds and Funds'.



CRICKET: ESSEX STAY AHEAD IN THE TITLE CHASE, BOYCOTT SCORES 100 BEFORE LUNCH

Middlesex savaged by a sticky dog and fall behind in championship

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent
LORD'S: Somerset (22 pts) beat Middlesex (0) by 33 runs.
An eventful day, though it consisted of only three hours' cricket, played with Somerset gaining the 16 extra points which Middlesex too badly needed.

Scorecard at Lord's

Table with columns for Somerset and Middlesex, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers.

Thomas torment, Surrey sorry

By Richard Streeton
HOVE: Sussex (5 pts) drew with Surrey (7).
Any chance Surrey held of completing a sixth consecutive win was snuffed out by the new comer in England's test match.

Marks: spinning on a wicket that destroyed batsmen.

beginning to quicken up when bowled by Botham, hitting across the line; Embury was marvellously caught in front of the pavilion by Stoebe...

Kent bat Cowley's innocent-looking spin A broken path to safety

By Peter Marson
FOLKESTONE: Kent (5pts) drew with Warwickshire (8).
Kent's batsmen, casting aside the spectre of defeat by an innings yesterday, had to still need 129 to summit and issued a challenge.

Worcestershire innocent-looking spin A broken finger holds out

By Alan Gibson
WORCESTER: Hampshire (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by an innings and 44 runs.
Hampshire's near the top of the championship table, and Worcestershire near the bottom...

Derbyshire guided home by Holding

Derbyshire beat Glamorgan with two balls of the final over left yesterday. Derbyshire's leading batsman, Ian Botham, was dismissed by Graham Gifford.

Minor Counties Review

Cumberland's first-class step out of wilderness
By Michael Berry
With Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire to contest the Minor Counties championship play-off on the county ground at Worcester on September 18...

Poor reward for Love and Boycott

Bradford: Yorkshire (7 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5).
Geoff Boycott's 138th century of his career and lusty batting by Jim Love were factors for Yorkshire.

Boycoitt: two centuries

Yorkshire: First innings 318 for 3 dec (A. Boycott 185, A. Jones 128, G. Boycott 100).
Second innings 141 for 2 dec (G. Boycott 100, A. Jones 77).

Championship table table with columns for teams, points, and matches.

US Open rewards table with columns for names, points, and prizes.

Day of the Stork as he cruises to a triple triumph

From Athol Still, Rome
The second day at the European championships in swimming was dominated by the towering 6ft 6in figure of Michael Gross, aged 19, from the USA.

Drug test scandal

Caracas, Venezuela (AP) - Fourteen track and field athletes from the United States left the Pan American Games yesterday and four more weightlifters, including a triple gold medal-winning American, have been stripped of their medals.

Grimes chooses Coventry

David Pleat, the Luton Town manager, accepted defeat yesterday in the race with Coventry City to sign Manchester United's Republic of Ireland international Ashley Grimes.

Today's fixtures

Table listing various football fixtures for the day.

A champagne occasion

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent
Date Reid, from Scotland, put the lead on the first day of the Cotswold Women's professional tournament with a round of 69 yesterday.

Woman with magic touch

Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, is the player to watch in the British Women's 72-hole strokeplay championship which starts today at Moorstown.

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Home is where the heart is

Home ownership is continuing to grow. By the end of this year it is expected that 59 per cent of all households in the UK will be owner-occupied compared with 56 per cent in 1981...

do, with Bulgaria leading the field at 82 per cent. And in the United States which, until recently has had a highly developed private rented sector, it is estimated that 65 per cent of all households own their own home.



This Grade II listed Georgian house in the heart of the Norfolk market town of Swaffham is for sale at £92,500. Overlooking Market Place, the property has been an antique showroom for the past 10 years but still has extensive residential accommodation...

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7.00 News from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30.

ITV LONDON

- 6.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street.
10.25 Science International. The world of research, narrated by Michael Bentine.

BBC 2

- 6.05 Open University: The Adelaide Centre in NW-London 8.30.
Special needs in Education 8.35.
News and Energy 8.45.

CHANNEL 4

- 5.30 Start Here. Science made fun for youngsters by Konrad the Robot.
5.45 News including 6.45 Prayer for the Day.

CHOICE

THE FALKLANDS (BBC2 8.20pm). A Newswatch Special, which illustrates what life is like for the 500 servicemen who have been stationed there since the Falklands conflict.

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.00 Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks Concerto. Piano Concerto No 19 in F major. K493.
8.10 Robert Sattin: The Ring of Shewell (first performance).
Beethoven: Symphony No 2.

Radio 2

- 8.00 News.
8.05 This Week's Composer: Faure. The works include the Nocturne No 12 in E minor, Op 107.

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- 8.00 News on the hour every hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00pm).
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Unions decide on soft line to fight Tebbit's reforms

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor
Battle lines for the debate within the TUC over 'talking to Tebbit' were drawn up at a heated meeting of 17 union leaders last night...



But the white-collar engineering workers' union Tass is striking in support of an amendment asserting that 'there can be no discussion with the Government on the subject of anti-union legislation'...

None too young or frail to face the enemy

A 12-year-old Nicaraguan boy (above right) not much taller than the Kalashnikov rifle he carries, is shown as part of a forward patrol at El Cinte, north of Jalapa in Nueva Segovia, the scene of heavy fighting earlier this summer (Henry Stanhope writes).

£18m order reprieves steel jobs

Nearly 400 redundant North-east steel workers are being taken back on by British Steel, and two mills reopened, after the corporation's success in winning a £18m contract...

Labour's hard left to set up national group

Meanwhile, the agent for Islington, South and Finsbury, Mr Liz Philipson, who is Mr Corbyn's personal assistant, issued a statement yesterday condemning newspaper reports about the constituency's delegate to this year's party conference...

Gas 'still too cheap'

At the same time, Deloitte's say that the corporation could save up to £100m by improving efficiency in some of its regions, particularly in customer services, and accounting. The highest-cost region, North Thames, has nearly 50 per cent higher costs than the lowest, East Midlands...

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
Princess Anne opens the Thamesdown Housing Association's Elderly Persons Group Dwelling at Park Farm, Morden, Swindon, Wiltshire, 3.

Exhibitions in progress

Art of the mastercraftsmen: Pre-Columbian ceramics of Peru, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 11).

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: Edinburgh and the Borders in Verse, edited with an Introduction by Allan Massie (Sector 3 Waterloo, £5.95).

Anniversaries

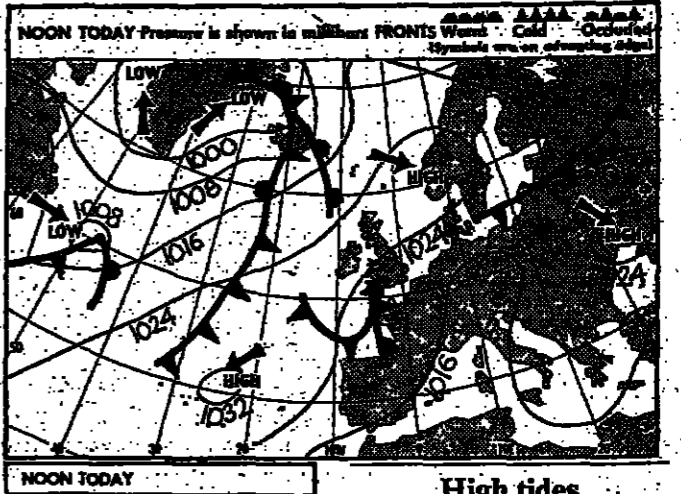
Birley: George Stubbs, animal painter, Liverpool 1724; William Wilberforce, Hull, 1759; James Weddell, explorer, Ouse, 1787; Sir Max Beerbaum, London, 1872.

Roads

London and South-east: Market Place closed, part of Kingston one-way system. M1: closed between junctions 6 and 7 (St Albans and M10 turnoff) from 8pm to 6am tomorrow.

Weather forecast

The pressure pattern will continue very slack over Britain. Gam to midnight. London, Central S England, E Midlands: Fog clearing, sunny intervals, scattered showers...



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,216. A grid with numbered squares for a crossword puzzle.

Virgil in Britain: books and graphics, Somerset County Museum, Taunton Castle, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 2).

Scotland: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 12. Recital by David Crowther (recorder) and Joan Crowther (contralto), Lincolnia Minister, 12.30.

Wales and West: M5: Lanes closed between junctions 21 and 24 (Wotton-super-Mare to Briggwater)...

High tides table for Great Britain. Columns: Location, AM, HM, PM, 4T.

High tides table showing data for various locations like London Bridge, Ayrmouth, and Belfast.

Great Britain weather table with columns for Sun, Rain, Ice, etc.

DOWN
2 One making speeches about gym, or one who performs (8).
3 Cooking she's piped her mashed potato over the meat (9,3).

New stamps
Four centuries of British gardens are celebrated on a new set of stamps which go on sale at post offices from today...

The pound table showing exchange rates for countries like Australia, Austria, and Belgium.

The paper
The Daily Express offers this advice to Labour: 'Don't draw up a list of all the best guys in the party... that would take forever. Just list all those who still represent the old-fashioned, sane, patriotic, election-winning Labour Party...'

Lighting-up time
London 8.30 pm to 8.45 pm.
Manchester 8.45 pm to 9.15 pm.

London weather table with columns for Sun, Rain, Ice, etc.

Abroad weather table with columns for location, Sun, Rain, etc.

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